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A Training Course in Vocational Re-education of Disabled Soldiers and Sailors

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THIS training course is conducted by the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men in cooperation with the Federal Board for Vocational Education and the Invalided Soldiers' Commission (Canada). The privilege of visiting the Canadian institutions has been accorded by the Commission and by the Ministry of Militia and Defense. The period of training is May 20 to June 28, 1918.

The course is designed to prepare directors of vocational re-education of disabled soldiers and sailors for service in the United States under provisions about to be made by the federal government.

There will be two and a half weeks of study and conference work regarding the re-educational experience in European countries, carried on at the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men in New York City; and three and a half weeks of travel and observation of the leading training centers in Canada. The first week will be spent in New York in a preliminary survey of the general problem, and the last ten days at the same point in a review and critique of observation, reading, and lectures. The intermediate period will be devoted to the trip through Canada. In view of the importance of the service in prospect, and the courtesies being extended to the party by the Canadian authorities, it is expected that all being granted the privileges of the course will faithfully fulfil engagements made for the party by the directing authority.

Schedule of Work

First Week at the Red Cross Institute

Monday, May 20

Preliminary general reading.

Tuesday, May 21

10 to 12 a. m.—Introduction to the problem. MR. McMURTRIE.

2 to 4 p. m.—Analysis of the problem. Dr. MILLER.

8 to 10 p. m.—Experience of France and Belgium. Mr. McMURTRIE and MRS. WHITESIDE.

Wednesday, May 22

10 to 11 a. m.—Medical aspects of re-education. Major HARRY and E. MOCK, U. S. R.

11 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Experience of Great Britain. Dr. FARIES.

Thursday, May 23

10 to 12 a. m.—Practice of the Red Cross Institute:
Administration. Mr. McMURTRIE.
Field Work. Miss SULLIVAN.
Re-education. Dr. FARIES.
Employment. Miss STEIN.

2 to 5 p. m. Practice of the Red Cross Institute:
Industrial surveys. Miss REDDING.
The Library. Miss DAVIS.
Research. Mrs. WHITESIDE.
Public education. Mr. HEYDON.

6:30 p. m.—At the Hotel Astor, Broadway and Forty-fourth Street, the members of the course will be the guests of Mr. Milbank for dinner and the theater. Informal dress.

Friday, May 24

10–12 a. m.—Experience of Italy, Australia, New Zealand, India, and South Africa. Mr. McMURTRIE and Mr. GOURVICH.

2 to 3 p. m.—Plans of the Surgeon-General's Office for physical reconstruction. Major CASEY A. WOOD, U. S. R.

3 to 4 p. m.—Plans of the Federal Board for Vocational Education for educational reconstruction. Dr. PROSSER.

7 to 10 p. m.—Meeting of cripples, addressed by cripples.
Moving picture films of successful American cripples. Capt. ARTHUR SAMUELS, N. A.
Moving picture films of French schools of re-education (Montpellier and Lyons). Mr. MCMURTRIE.

Saturday, May 25

10 to 11 a. m.—Preliminary statement on Canadian work. Dr. MILLER.

11 to 12 a. m.—Question hour.

Sunday, May 26

Meet at Grand Central Station, 7:25 p. m., in balcony overlooking main concourse, and just inside Vanderbilt Avenue entrance of the station.

Outline of Work on Canadian Trip

Ottawa: May 27 to May 28

General outline of central organization.
Procedure in administration of Vocational Branch of Invalided Soldiers Commission.

Montreal: May 29 to June 2

Organization of office of District Vocational Officer.
Administration of local district and its relation to central office at Ottawa.
Observation at hospitals and schools.
Visit to St. Agathe (hospital for tuberculosis cases).

Toronto: June 3 to June 6

Organization and administration in a district including several sub-districts.
Industrial surveys and training in industrial plants.
Visit to Hart Home, functional re-education and physical therapy.

Visit to Military Orthopedic Hospital and Artificial Limb Factory.
Visit to schools and classes for disabled soldiers.

Winnipeg: June 8 to June 10

Procedure in local administration.
Training partially disabled soldiers in agriculture. Manitoba Agricultural College.
Visit to Military Convalescent Hospital, Tuexedo Park.
Training during convalescence and after discharge.

Calgary: June 12 to June 13

Local organization and procedure.
Visit to Ogden Military Convalescent Hospital.
Visit to Institute of Technology and Art.
Industrial and commercial surveys and placement.
Surveying disabled soldiers who are candidates for training.
Disabled Soldiers' Training Board on cases surveyed.
Relation of provincial educational system to the training of partially disabled soldiers.

Ottawa: June 17 to June 18

Questions raised during trip.
Developments and adjustments expected.

Schedule of Canadian Trip

All tickets and reservations will be attended to by the business manager of the party.

Until the party leaves Toronto reservations will be made in regular sleeping cars. From Toronto west and on return trip as far as Ottawa special sleeping cars will be chartered for the use of the party. These cars will be switched off at stopping places and parked in the stations. Berths may be occupied for sleeping purposes without charge while in the stations at Winnipeg and Calgary, if so desired.

Expenses for hotel accommodations and meals at stopping points and meals on trains will be paid individually by members of the party.

City	*Date*	*Hour*	*Time*
Lv. New York	Sunday, May 26	7:45 p. m.	E. T.
Ar. Ottawa	Monday, May 27	12:05 p. m.	E. T.
Lv. Ottawa	Tuesday, May 28	3:30 p. m.	E. T.
Ar. Montreal	Tuesday, May 28	7:15 p. m.	E. T.
Lv. Montreal	Sunday, June 2	10:00 p. m.	E. T.
Ar. Toronto	Monday, June 3	8:00 a. m.	E. T.
Lv. Toronto	Thursday, June 6	7:00 p. m.	E. T.
Ar. Winnipeg	Saturday, June 8	11:10 a. m.	C. T.
Lv. Winnipeg	Monday, June 10	10:45 p. m.	C. T.
Ar. Calgary	Wednesday, June 12	2:30 a. m.	W. T.
Lv. Calgary	Friday, June 14	2:45 a. m.	W. T.
Ar. Ottawa	Monday, June 17	4:30 a. m.	E. T.
Lv. Ottawa	Tuesday, June 18	4:25 p. m.	E. T.
Ar. New York	Wednesday, June 19	8:49 a. m.	E. T.

Mail and Telegrams

Members of the party should be addressed at the various points listed in the itinerary as follows. The dates given are the dates on which communications may be *received* at the places named. Allowance of time for transmission should be allowed according to the point of origin.

May 20 to May 26 inclusive

Car of Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men, 311 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

May 27 to May 29 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

May 29 to June 2 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.

June 3 to June 6 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

June 8 to June 10 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

June 12 to June 13 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alta., Canada.

June 17 to June 18 inclusive

Care of American Red Cross Party, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

June 19 to June 28 inclusive

Care of Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men, 311 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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